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PATENT APPLICATION

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1638

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Akio KOBAYSHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 1638

Application No.: 10/015,607

Examiner: G. Helmer

Filed: December 17, 2001

Docket No.: 111473

For: A METHOD FOR INTRODUCING FOREIGN MATTERS INTO LIVING
CELLS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the December 29, 2004, Office Action, please consider the following:

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 and 19-23 are pending in this application. By the Office Action, claims 1-3, 10-11, 21 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b); claims 1-5, 9-15, 20-21 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a); and claims 6-8, 19 and 22 are objected to.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 6-8, 18 and 22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are otherwise allowable. For all of the reasons set forth below, all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance.